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TO: LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

~~SECRET FROM WDTR 3-18-E FOR MR. J. H. CARTER. REFERENCE~~
TWX LMSD/37305 AND LMSD/37019. HQ USAF HAS DISAPPROVED THE
WS 117L RECOVERABLE RECONNAISSANCE PAYLOAD PROGRAM. YOU
ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO INCUR ANY FURTHER COSTS WITH GE OR
FAIRCHILD ON WS 117L PROGRAM II A. YOUR EFFORTS IN THE USE
OF THOR BOOSTED WS 117L SHOULD BE REORIENTED IMMEDIATELY.
DESIRE YOU PREPARE A PLAN FOR ACCELERATION OF THE BASIC
WS 117L PROGRAM THRU USE OF THOR BOOSTED FLIGHTS FOR EARLY
TEST OF WS 117L. COMPONENTS INCLUDING ORBITAL FLIGHTS FOR
EXERCISE OF THE GROUND SPACE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.
PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE CONCEPT FOR RECOVERABLE CAPSULE
FLIGHTS FOR AERO-MEDICAL RESEARCH PURPOSES. EVERY EFFORT
SHOULD BE MADE TO ORGANIZE THIS MATERIAL FOR PRESENTATION
TO ME AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. SIGNED SCHRIEVER.

O. J. RITLAND
BRIG GEN, USAF
VICE COMMANDER